

REAL STUFF

TIME TO GO
NIGHTY-NIGHT,
FAT BOY.

FAMA.

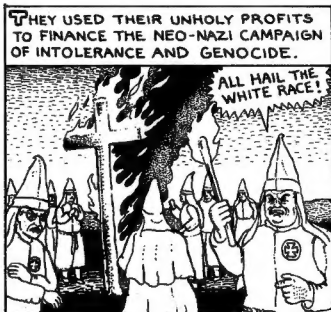
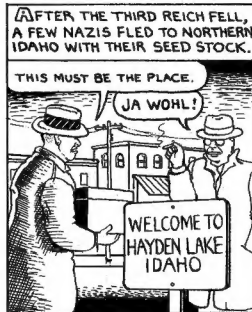
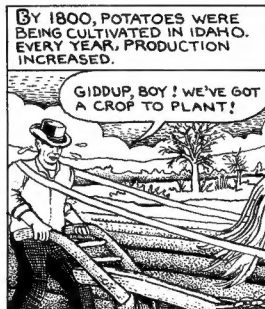
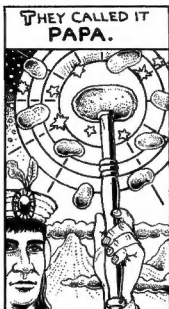
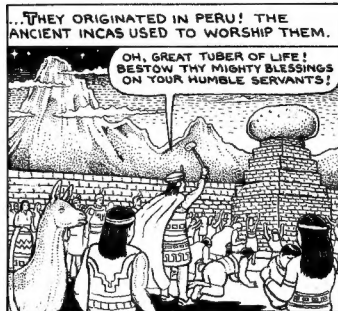
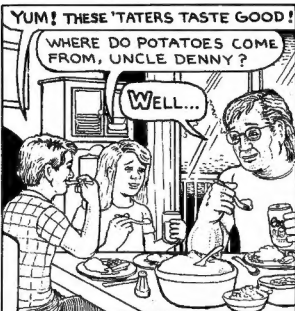
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FANTAGRAPHICS BOOKS

THE DARK SIDE

OF THE POTATO

BY DENNIS P. EICHHORN
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YOU MEET ALL TYPES IN PRISON...TAKE THE TIME I ENCOUNTERED A DRUG-ADDLED TROUBADOUR WHO WAS ONCE

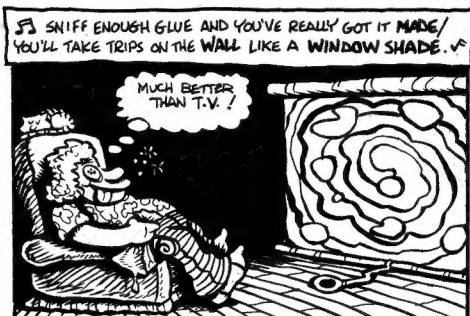
STUCK UP!

STORY BY DENNIS R. EICHHORN
ART BY TERRY LARAN ©94



I HAD 3 MONTHS LEFT ON MY DRUG BUST SENTENCE WHEN I WAS TRANSFERRED TO A MINIMUM SECURITY FACILITY...





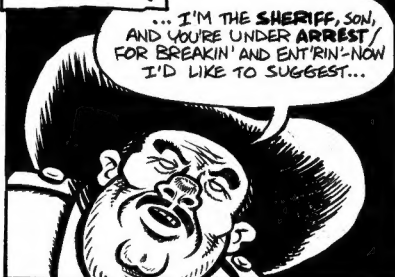
♪ I BROKE INTO A SERVICE STATION, THAT'S WHAT I DID / AND FOUND A STASH OF ATLAS TUBE REPAIR KITS, KID! ♪



♪ SNIFFED SO MUCH I PASSED OUT, AND WHEN I AWOKE / I WAS LOOKIN' AT A BIG, FAT FACE THAT SPOKE! ♪



♪ IT SAID: ♪



♪ ... WAS STUCK TO THE FLOOR! YEA, I FELT REAL BLUE / I WAS A PRISONER OF ATLAS TUBE REPAIR KIT GLUE! ♪



♪ WELL, TO TAKE A LONG STORY, AND WIND IT UP QUICK / THE JUDGE DIDN'T THINK IT WAS A VERY FUNNY TRICK. ♪

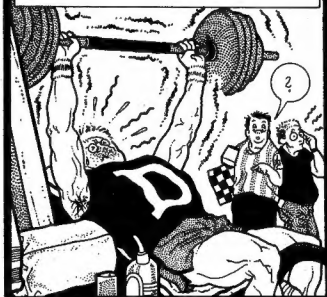


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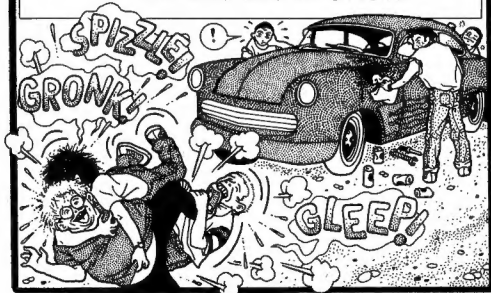
STRANGE DREAMS

Written by Dennis P. Eichhorn
 Drawn by Tapani Rytöshonka

People ask me why I used to lift weights. Well, there were lots of reasons...



One that comes to mind is an incident that happened when I was eight or nine years old. I was rough-housing with some kids who lived down the street...



Let's break that up!



I wound up on my back...

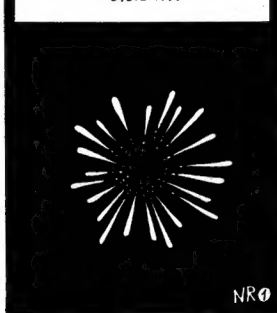


...being slowly strangled by Kenny, a teen-age hood a few years older than I.

Hey, this is fun!



He squeezed my neck until everything went black...



... and then I had a very strange dream.



When I regained consciousness...

Uhhhhhh...

Heh, heh...

... Kenny choked me into oblivion a **second** time.

Time to go
nighty-night
again,
fat boy.

Heh
heh

This dream was even stranger than the one before.



I didn't really want to wake up...



... but I **did**!

Hee hee hee..

C'mon, Kenny,
let's beat it!



OK... you're lucky, fat boy. I was going to knock you out **again**!

...Uhhhh...



I stayed clear of Kenny after that...
and got interested in sports such as
football...



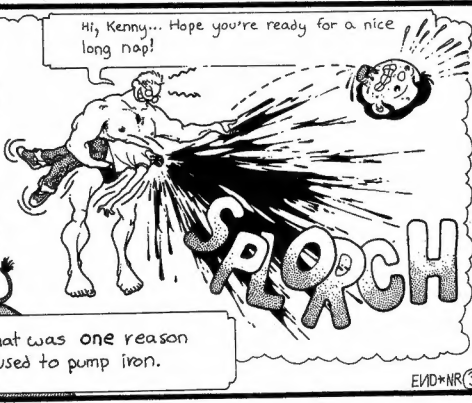
... and weight lifting. Anything to
make myself bigger or stronger.
By the time I was eighteen, I was
ready to meet up with Kenny again.



Too bad I never did!



Hi, Kenny... Hope you're ready for a nice
long nap!



That was **one** reason
I used to pump iron.



By Dennis P. Eichhorn
Art work by Ariel Bordeaux

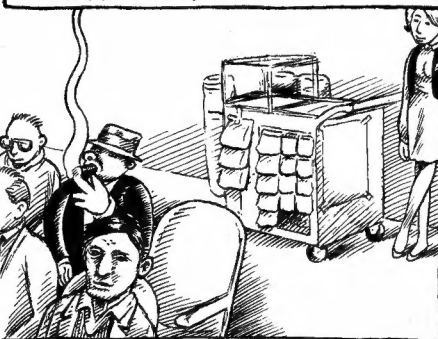
One warm San Francisco night I got
real drunk and found myself waiting...





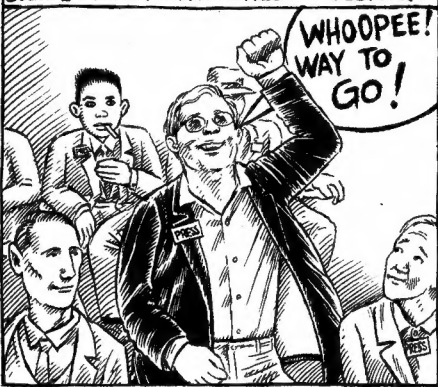
I ONCE COVERED A SEAHAWK GAME FOR THE NOW-DEFUNCT SEATTLE SUNNEWSPAPER

THE PRESS BOX HELD ABOUT TWO HUNDRED MEN, ALL AVIDLY CONCENTRATING ON THE GAME. BUT IT WAS STRANGELY SILENT.



YOU COULD EVEN SMOKE IF YOU LIKED!

I FOUND A SEAT AND SETTLED IN. EARLY IN THE FIRST QUARTER, SEATTLE'S JIM ZORN CONNECTED WITH STEVE LARGENT FOR A LONG PASS COMPLETION.



I EASILY OBTAINED PRESS CREDENTIALS, AND ON THE DAY OF THE GAME I FOUND MYSELF IN THE KINGDOM.



THERE WAS FREE FOOD AND DRINK...



PLUS LOTS OF HELPFUL PRINTED MATERIAL.

WHY AREN'T ANY OF THE OTHER REPORTERS CHEERING?



...BUT NO LOUD DISPLAYS ARE TOLERATED IN THE PRESS BOX. IF YOU PERSIST IN SUCH UNPROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR YOU'LL BE ASKED TO LEAVE.

WHOOPS!

I KEPT MY MOUTH SHUT WHILE THE GAME RAGED BELOW. THEN, MIDWAY THROUGH THE FOURTH QUARTER.

THE HOSPITALITY SUITES ARE FULL, SIR... THESE ARE THE ONLY SEATS LEFT!

HMMPPFF!

...RAIDER OWNER AL DAVIS AND TWO OF HIS BODYGUARDS TOOK SEATS DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF ME!

LIKE THE REST OF US, DAVIS WAS INTENT ON THE GAME.

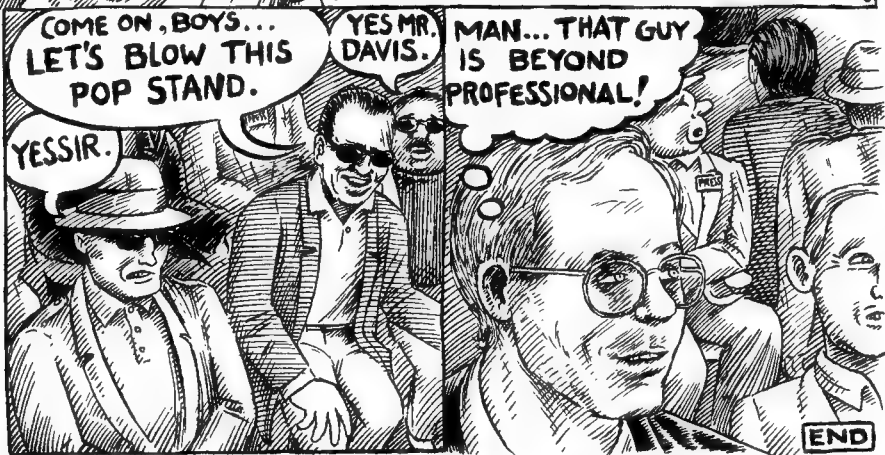
JIM ZORN DROPPED BACK TO PASS AND A RAIDER BLITZED THROUGH FOR A BRUTAL SACK

...SNAPPING HIS LEG!

A COLLECTIVE GROAN EMANATED FROM THE KINGDOME ...



...WHILE AL DAVIS LET HIS FEELINGS SHOW!



I USED TO DATE WANDA, A STAND UP COMEDIAN WHO LIVED IN SEATTLE. AS I SOON DISCOVERED, SHE WAS A VERY

FUNNY GIRL!

by Dennis P. Eichhorn
art by Terry Moore



WANDA HAD TRAVELED THE COMEDY-NIGHTCLUB CIRCUITS IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA FOR YEARS.



SHE HAD A COCAINE PROBLEM AND SO DID I. SOMETIMES WE'D GET TOGETHER AND MAKE A NIGHT OF IT.



ONE MORNING AFTER AN ALL NIGHT SESSION WE VISITED A DOWNTOWN COFFEE SHOP.



ANOTHER CUSTOMER MADE A SIMPLE REQUEST ...



... AND THAT WAS ALL IT TOOK!



HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TAKIN' IT
UP THE ASS FROM A GREASY DOPE
DEALER ON A WATERBED IN MONTREAL?!!





ONE MAN-ONE GLOVE:

The Legend Of WILD MAN FISCHER

Part 3: The Big Hurt

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...FOR ONE THING, HE NEVER SEEMED TO SLEEP!
HE'D KEEP US AWAKE ALL NIGHT MAKING UP SONGS.



--DOESN'T HE
EVER RUN DOWN?!

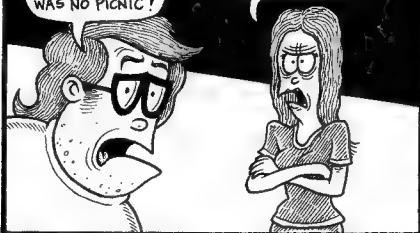
--HE'LL BE HERE FOR AT
LEAST ANOTHER WEEK!

♪ OH, SPOKANE--
I EVEN LOVE
YOUR GARBAGE
CANS... ♪

A woman and a man are lying in bed, looking exhausted. The woman is holding her head. The man is looking at a clock.

HAVING LARRY "WILD
MAN" FISCHER FOR
A HOUSE GUEST
WAS NO PICNIC!

--YOU CAN SAY
THAT AGAIN--!!



♪ WHEN I PERFORMED--
I WAS NOT FORLORN-- ♪

A man and a woman are lying in bed, looking exhausted. The man is holding a fan. The woman is looking at a clock.

LARRY HAD A SHORT TEMPER. ONE DAY, WHILE
PLAYING CHESS WITH MY FRIEND ANDY...



CHECK.

SNAP!!

...HE FREAKED OUT!

--YOU CHEATED!!

LARRY,
STOP!!!

GAK!
THROTTLE!

A man with a large afro is being throttled by a man with glasses. The man with the afro is looking at the man with glasses with a surprised expression. The man with glasses is looking at the man with the afro with a determined expression.

--WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA???

--JUST KIDDING!

♪ BOOP-BOOP-BOOP! ♪

--SOME
JOKE--!!

IT SCARED ANDY.

LARRY HAD NEARLY \$500 IN CASH FROM HIS TRIUMPHANT SPOKANE APPEARANCE. HE LIKED TO CARRY IT PARTIALLY PROTRUDING FROM HIS PANTS POCKET.



HE WAS PARANOID ABOUT BEING ROBBED.



LARRY TOOK TO CARRYING ONE OF OUR STEAK KNIVES IN HIS **OTHER** PANTS POCKET...

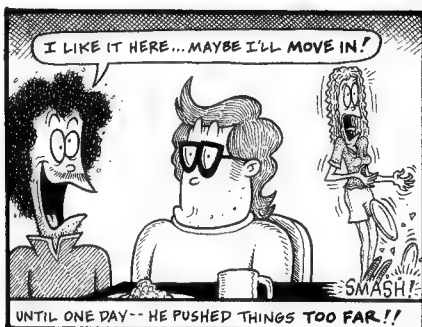
...WITH PREDICTABLE RESULTS.

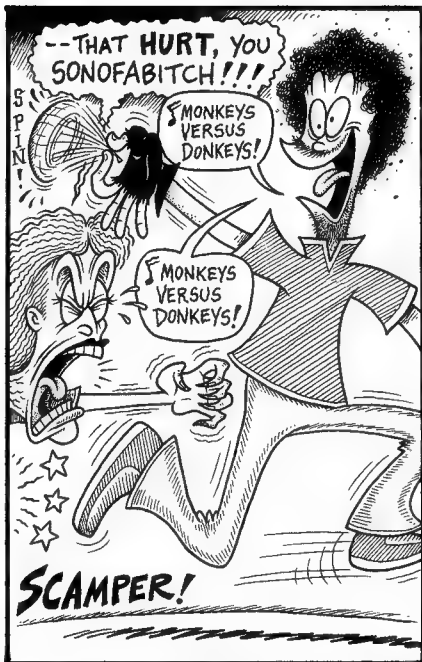


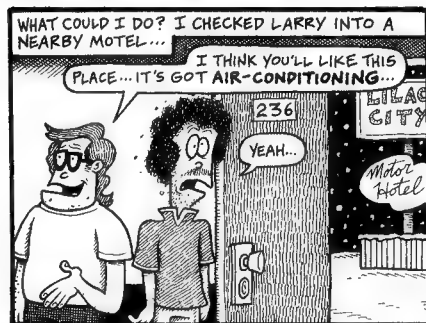
THIS SOMETIMES LED TO PROBLEMS. ONE DAY, ON RIVERSIDE STREET...



*HUEVOS DUROS= "Hard Eggs" ~ Señor D.P.E.



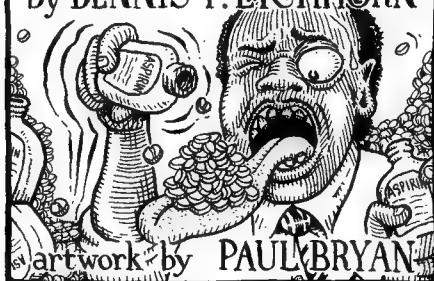




NEXT: TRAVELS WITH LARRY

HEADACHE

by DENNIS P. EICHHORN



Hey, Denny, I'm working at the Pearl Jam concert tomorrow night!

Doing what?

Backstage security.

Make sure you're packin'
some aspirin.

Huh?
Why?

Well, you never know when you'll need it. I'm 'minded of a time, back in the early '70's.....

...when I was in Seattle with a couple of traveling companions, and we spotted a poster....

Look... that concert's tonight!

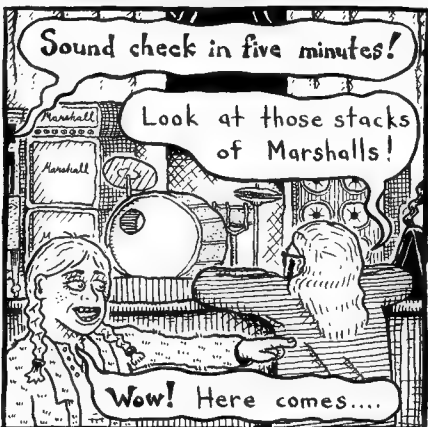
Yeah... let's go find out if there are any tickets left!

Sorry we're
**SOLD
OUT**

Shit!

Fuck!

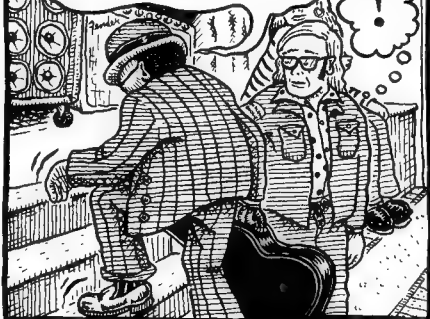
Damn!



....John Lee Hooker!!



Looks like its time to
play the blues again.



We watched and listened in
awe as a living legend led
his band through an hour's
worth of material.

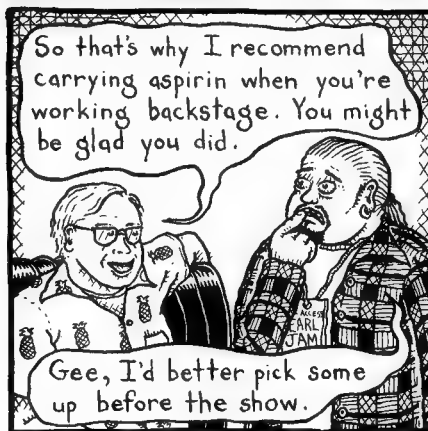
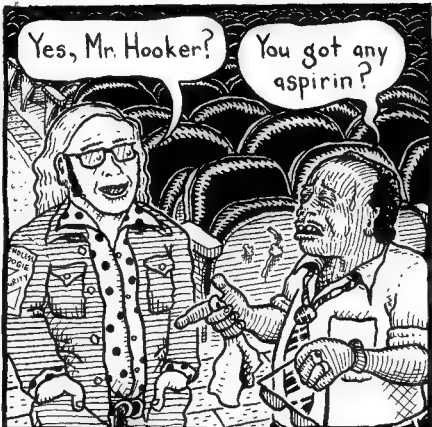
One night I was layin' down...
...heard papa tell mama...



"Let that boy Boogie Woogie!"

"It's in'im and its got ta
come out." I felt so good!

ENDLESS BOOGIE!!



NAME DROPPER

BY: DENNIS EICHORN
ART BY: RENÉE FRENCH

GUESS I'LL GET
SOMETHING TO EAT.

Denny's
RESTAURANT

GIMME A GRAND SLAM BREAKFAST.

TOAST OR ENGLISH MUFFIN?

ENGLISH MUFFIN.
HASHBROWNS OR
PANCAKES?

PANCAKES.

Denny's

THAT'LL BE \$3.75.

OK... BY THE WAY, DO YOU
KNOW WHO I AM?

WHO?

DIE

Denny's

I'M DENNY.

WELL,
I HOPE
YOU LIKED
THE
GRAND SLAM.

- THE END -

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